

Background

Smoking on outdoor patios at bars and restaurants in the city of Winnipeg is currently permitted. On June 12, 2017, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services, and Parks directed the Winnipeg Public Service to review practices in other Canadian municipalities to regulate smoking on outdoor patios at bars and restaurants, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, water pipes, hookahs, and other similar products/devices that produce second hand smoke and conduct public engagement to gather input on changes to smoking on outdoor patios at bars and restaurants.

Engagement

Stakeholder and public engagement was conducted in summer and fall of 2017 to gather input on potential changes to outdoor patio smoking at restaurants and bars in Winnipeg and gauge public support for a smoking ban. The input will help shape recommendations on how to move forward with regulating smoking on outdoor patios. Public engagement consisted of four activities, summarized in the table on the second page.

Promotion

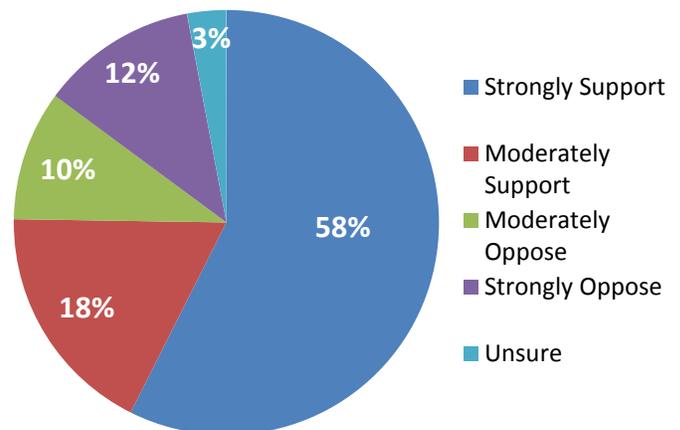
Public engagement opportunities were promoted using the following methods:

- City of Winnipeg website;
- News release;
- Facebook posts with 16,797 followers;
- Twitter posts with 78,700 followers;
- City of Winnipeg public engagement newsletter with over 5,300 recipients, and;
- A street team with 289 interactions.

Key Findings

- There is strong support among Winnipeggers for a patio smoking ban at both restaurants and bars (18+).
- Support was stronger for a smoking ban on restaurant patios than a smoking ban on bar (18+) patios.
- Smokers are evenly split on this issue, with 46% favouring a smoking ban on patios.
- Health concerns were the overwhelming driver of support for a patio smoking ban.
- The right to smoke outside and reduced health effects in an open air environment were top drivers of opposition to a patio smoking ban.
- Over half of Winnipeggers are likely to avoid visiting a patio that allows smoking.

Do you support or oppose a smoking ban on patios in Winnipeg?



Telephone Survey Results



SMOKING ON OUTDOOR PATIOS AT RESTAURANTS AND BARS BY-LAW REVIEW Public Engagement Summary

November 2017

Date	Activity	Participation Level
August 30 – 31, 2017	Stakeholder Sessions	12 stakeholders
September 5 – 26, 2017	Online Survey	7,935 respondents
September 11 – 22, 2017	Street Team	289 interactions
September 21 – October 10, 2017	Omnibus Telephone Survey	600 respondents

Next Steps

The input gathered through stakeholder and public engagement will be considered during the development of recommendations for the by-law review. The recommendations will be presented in a final report to Council. A decision by Council and the adoption of a new by-law is anticipated in the winter of 2017/2018.

To learn more about the Smoking on Outdoor Patios at Restaurants and Bars By-law Review and to view the full public engagement report, please visit: winnipeg.ca/PatioSmokingReview